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### **JUST A REMINDER THAT NODXA MEMBERS WILL ACTIVATE THE**

**MARQUESAS ISLANDS ON RTTY.** Northern Ohio DX Association members Bill/W8JGU and John/K8YSE will operate **Nuku Hiva (OC-027, Marquesas Islands)** from **June 14-18th**. Their main focus will be on RTTY. Look for John and Bill to sign **FO0PAP** and **FO0MAC**, respectively. Again, this island may count for BRAND NEW RTTY entities once voted and approved by the DXAC. Activity will be on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meters on the usual frequencies. All QSL requests go to K8OU. ADDED NOTE. Since John is the caretaker of the OPDX Web page the site will not be updated until his return.

**9N, NEPAL (Update).** Charles, K4VUD, reports that **beginning July 10th**, he will be operating **9N1UD** and will be looking especially for stateside contacts. He will stay in the **Kathmandu area** until about **December 5th**. He suggests looking for him during Nepal's sunrise and sunset times daily (he can not predict which days). He will first try 14195, then 14023 kHz; and then 21295 and 21023 kHz. He has a daily sked with Southeast Asians on 14215 at 0100z, via either his 9N callsign or **9N1AA**, or if they get it, **9N1MM**. He plans to try the lower bands this time (also 10 and 6 meters). Charles intends to E-mail the DX-Reflector's Mail List on any specific skeds when and if he can make things specific.

**AFRICAN ACTIVITY.** Charlie, W0YG, will once again head to Africa in **July and August**. He currently holds **V5/ZS6YG**, **A22/W0YG** and **Z21/W0YG** licenses. Operations will be limited to CW and possibly RTTY only. Most operating will be done 40-10 meters with specific attention to the WARC bands. He will be advising OPDX of the exact dates when they are firm. QSL all contacts via W0YG. DO NOT send cards via the ZS bureau. They will not be answered.

**BI4, PING ISLAND, PRC (Update).** The Jiangsu DX Club (JSDXC) plans to be active as **BI4Q** from **Ping Island** (new IOTA) between **June 19-21st**. The team will consist of

Jin/BA4TA, Deal/BA4TB, David/BD4RF, Ken/BD4RD and possibly others. Two stations will be active on CW/SSB. They will be active on the following frequencies:

- **CW** - 3504, 7004, 10104, 14040, 18074, 21040, 24894, 28040 and 50110
- **SSB** - 7050, 14260, 18135, 21260, 24945, 28460 and 50110 kHz.

QSL via 9A2AJ (Tom Polak,P.P.,34551,LIPIK,CROATIA) only! For more information, contact Deal/BA4TB via E-mail at: [ba4tb@qsl.net](mailto:ba4tb@qsl.net)

**DAYTON 98 PHOTO GALLERY IS NOW UP AND RUNNING!** Tom, K8CW, reports to OPDX that there are 105 new pictures this year on his home page. Most of them were taken at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (where a lot of famous DXers meet). Some were taken at Hara Arena. Also, Tom mentions that he has added a new "Buy, Sale, Trade" page (Hamfest Gallery) where you can post your ham equipment in 15 different categories. "This is a free service. Feel free to use it as often as you like," states Tom. The "K8CX Ham Gallery" can be found at: <http://paradox2010.com/ham/>

**ET3, ETHIOPIA.** Steve/G3VMW, Alan/G3X AQ and Andy/G4ZVJ, will be operational from Addis Ababa, as **ET3AA**, between **September 18th and 27th**. Activity from ET3AA, the club station of the Ethiopian Amateur Radio Society, will be on all bands from 160-10m but with emphasis on the LF and the WARC bands. The operation will be mainly CW with some SSB and RTTY if there is sufficient demand. Operating frequencies will be as follows: 1829, 3508, 7008, 10108, 14026, 18076, 21026, 24896 and 28026 kHz. Always split frequency, listening up between 1 kHz and 5 kHz. QSLs via Steve Wilson G3VMW, 3 Crag Gardens, Bramham, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 6RP, England. More details of the ET3AA DXpedition are available on G3VMW's Web page at: <http://www.bramham.demon.co.uk> There will be an on-line log search utility immediately after the operation. During the visit to Addis Ababa, it is hoped to obtain personal callsigns from the Ethiopian government in readiness for a sustained two-week DXpedition during 1999.

**FP, MIQUELON ISLAND.** The Prairie DX Group (N9PD) is pleased to announce their DXpedition to **Miquelon Island (NA-032)** from **August 26th to September 1st**. Their callsign will be **FP/N9PD**, and they will be operating multi-band 10-80 meters (also maybe 6 meters), multi-mode (SSB, CW & RTTY) continuously during the DXpedition. QSL info is direct (SASEs or IRC appreciated) or via the bureau. Further information can be obtained at their Web page at the URL address: <http://www.prairiedx.com> Or you can send your comments via E-mail to Fred (KF9YL) at: [efl@interaccess.com](mailto:efl@interaccess.com)

**H40AA POST-OPERATION UPDATE** (June 14, 1998, An excerpt from Jarmo, OH2BN, press release, provide by Tim, N4GN.) [OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the full release as an additional bulletin.] "The validation of the database as well as the merging of a variety of data files has been successfully completed for the 67,129 H40AA QSOs, and the full-color, folded QSL cards have been received from the printers. QSLing will commence on 29 June and the QSLing team, led by OH2BN, will get the cards out as quickly as possible. The DXCC status of the Temotu Islands should be determined during July, and QSLs should be accepted by the DXCC desk in October."

**IOTA DXPEDITIONS PLANNED.** Operators Matthias/DK4WD and Ron/DK4UN plan to

travel in **June** and **July** to the northern Scandinavia area to activate some IOTA Groups there. Matthias will operate mainly on CW, and Ron will conduct the SSB operations. They will operate under the CEPT Rules as **LA/**, **SM/** and **OH/homecall**. The following schedule is planned:

- **June 27** - EU-135, if possible
- **June 27-29** - EU-139, Seskaroen
- **July 1-3** - EU-126, not sure, maybe Hailuoto
- **July 3-5** - EU-141, Vardoe
- **July 7-10** - EU-044, maybe Soroya
- **July 10-12** - EU-046, maybe Senja
- **July 13-17** - EU-033 and EU-076
- **July 18-19** - EU-062
- **July 21-22** - EU-079, Hareidlandet

This schedule is subjected to some changes depending on weather, how-to-reach some islands and other activities. Their first priority is to give as many OMs a new IOTA-Group. QSLs are 100% via bureau. For direct QSLs: DK4WD via callbook address and DK4UN via Ronny Triemer, P.O.Box 47, D-09023 Chemnitz, Germany. All information and the "Latest NEWS" about this activity are available at the following Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/dk4un/>

**KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY.** A team of the Florida Contest Club (FCC) will be in GTMO for the **IARU HF World Championship July 11-12th**. Team members are: Rusty/KG4AU (host, WV3N), Bill/KG4GC (W4WX), Vic/KG4TO (N4TO), and Doug/ KG4OX (W4OX). **KG4OX** will be the contest callsign. Members will arrive Wednesday, **July 8th**, and remain **for one week**. Members will be active on all bands and modes before and after the contest including 6 meters (band conditions permitting). QSL contest QSOs go to Doug McDuff, KG4OX/W4OX, 10380 S.W. 112th Street, Miami, FL 33176. Please include a SASE. Bureau cards are welcomed. QSL KG4AU via W4WX, and all others via their home calls. Any comments or questions may be sent to W4OX <[dmcduff@gate.net](mailto:dmcduff@gate.net)>.

**KH6BZF PROPAGATION REPORTS.** OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive Part 2 of Lee's forecast (Band-by-Band Propagation Expectations) for the month of June as an additional bulletin.

#### **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- Dwaine, K8ME (ex-WA8MEM), would like to notify the DX community that he is **NO longer the QSL Manager** for **OD5ZZ** or **OD5RAK**. QSLs that arrive will be returned. Dwaine states he has NOT heard from Walid or his group in 4 years.
- **H75A LOGS.** Chris, N1HRW, just wanted to let OPDX know that the logs from the **H75A IOTA NA-209** DXpedition has now been placed online for searching. The log is on the Islands on the Web website at: <http://islandchaser.com> in the "Logs Online" section of the site.
- Log search for **YS1X** (OH-activity and **VP8CTR** [OP Roman EM1KA]) is now available on the Web. Check out the URL address: <http://www.qsl.net/gdxf/>
- **ED1SCR** was on the air to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Spanish Red Cross in Salamanca, Spain. QSL info: EA1EAU (OK via bureau).

- The Barry Amateur Radio Society activated **GC4BRS/MM** during last weekend from on board the "PS Waverley" cruising in the Bristol Channel off the coast of Wales GW. This ship is the last ocean going Paddleship in the world. QSL Manager is GW0ANA (direct or via Bureau).
- **9M0C QSLs Update.** Phil, G3SWH, reports that, to date, he has received 5735 items of mail and is dealing with them strictly in their order of arrival. So far, he has opened 4115 of them and is working on mail which arrived on April 6th, i.e exactly two months ago. There has also been 176 E-mail requests for cards to be sent via the bureau, but so far no cards have been received via the bureau (too early at this stage). There has been 9037 QSOs confirmed, along with dealing with dozens of queries of various sorts, all of which are time consuming. It should also be noted that many replies to Australia, New Zealand and the Far East have been sent by surface mail due to insufficient return postage (while an IRC covers basic rate postage to all destinations, from the UK this is only for items up to 10g. The double-side card, along with inserts which we are obliged to include on behalf of various sponsors, takes the weight over this, especially where the return envelope is heavy of itself). Please do not send second requests at this stage, as they will merely go into the pile for the date on which they are received and not be dealt with any faster. They will announce when they are up to date with direct requests. Right now, Phil is taking a well-deserved break in SV-land but will take up the QSL task again shortly. (via G3XTT)
- Alan, VK4AAR, is getting requests for **VK9WM** and **VK9WY** cards. He is **NOT the QSL Manager for those stations**. Perhaps people are thinking that Alan has taken over for VK4FW...this IS NOT TRUE. Only VK8AN has transferred QSL chores over to him. Alan is the QSL Manager only for the following list of the stations: **V63PD**, **VI0ANARE**, **VK8AN**, **VK8MI**, **YJ8AA**, **ZK2JJ** and **ZK2PJ**. QSL via: Alan Roocroft, VK4AAR, c/o Post Office, Dalveen QLD 4374, Australia
- **AP2AGJ CORRECTION.** Tariq, AP2TJ, reports to OPDX that Amir, AP2AGJ, has been licensed since 1991. His QTH is Rawalpindi not Karachi. The correct QSL info is direct to: Amir Gulistan Janjua, House No. 56, Chaklala 1, Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

**SPECIAL EVENT.** By the time you read this, two special callsigns, **OZ2GBE** and **OZ2GBW**, from Denmark, will be active until the end of the year. This is in celebration of the **June 14th opening** of the world's second longest hanging bridge (**Great Belt East Bridge**). Contacts count towards "The Great Belt Award". Operations will be on all bands and modes.

**S0, WESTERN SAHARA.** The "DX News Sheet" reports that Hamdy, **S01HA**, is newly licensed and was active **June 6th** between 2000-2200z and **June 7th** between 1700-1900z on 14210 kHz.

**S0, WESTERN SAHARA.** Look for Mark, ON4WW (ex-9X4WW), to be active as **S07WW** starting **June 15th** for **4 to 6 days**. His equipment is a TS-440 to wire antennas; no linear. He is preparing an inverted L for 160 meters. His CW frequencies will be: 160m - 1827.5 +/-; lower bands +/- 10 kHz from the bottom edge; higher bands - 022-024 kHz and the WARC bands wherever he finds a spot. Mark mentions this is a working trip, so activity will be mostly (local) evening and night times. Operations also depend on availability of electrical power. He may have to operate from the car, which could mean SSB only. QSL via ON5NT.

**S0, WESTERN SAHARA.** Ghris, ON5NT, informed OPDX just after we released OPDX.361 that Mark's (ON4WW, ex-9X4WW) activity as **S07WW** may be **delayed by 5 days**. His

operation may start **around June 21th**. Ghris (QSL Manager for Mark) states this date could be changed again (forwards or backwards). There is no way Mark can provide an early warning. It is suggested to "Keep Your Ears Open and Listen". The only thing certain is that Mark does have a license to be active from S0-land. Activity is depending on his work schedule.

**SV5, DODECANESE**. Look for Vito, I3BQC, to be active this week beginning **June 16th** as **SV5/I3BQC** from **Astypalea Island**. His stay will be **until July 12th**. Also, he will possibly activate other Greek islands. QSL via home callsign.

**SV5, DODECANESE (and YU-land)**. Nenad, VE3EXY, reports that he will have a low profile vacation operation from **Rhodes Island (EU-001)** between **June 17-24th**. The operation is intended for first-timers with focus on DX stations. He will sign **SV5/VE3EXY/P** and operate mainly on CW. Operations will be on 40/30/20/17 meters and 15/12/10 meters if conditions are good. Look for him 10 kHz off the band edge, listening 2-5 up (+- QRM). His operating schedule: 1300-1700z, 1900-2100z and 0200-0600z. This may change to take advantage of band conditions. Following a small vacation in Greece, Nenad may go to **Yugoslavia** between **June 29th and July 6th** and be active as **4N7ZR** from **Sr. Mitrovica**. Activity again will be mainly CW, but there may be some RTTY and SSB. Bands of activity will be 80/30/17 meters and possibly the others if conditions are right. His operating schedule: 1700-2100z and 0300-0600z. QSLs via VE3EXY via bureau are OK or direct to: N.Stevanovic, PO BOX 65046, Nepean, ON, K2G 5Y3, Canada.

**TF, ICELAND**. If you missed Sigi, DL7DF, and his gang from here, OPDX was advised that **TF3IRA** will be operational again **July 12-13th** during the **IARU contest** as the TF-land's HQ Station. TF3IRA has again been granted full power license and the "BIG OLGA" antenna will be used on lower frequencies. The Club's C3 antenna will be used for 20 meters and above QSOs. QSL via TF3GB.

**USI ALERT**. Greg, NS8O, will be active from **June 14-20th** on **Long Beach** and **Yaupon Beach Island**. These are in North Carolina and appear to be new ones for the "United States Island Award". Greg also says that there are some other islands that are close by, and he might hop over to them. Look for him about 2000z on 20 and 40 meters. As Greg says, "Activity will probably be during the afternoon/evening as FISHING will be the morning priority. Hey, I can't do anything until I have dinner caught and in the marinating sauce!".

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS**. Bill, K5YG, will be active as **VP5/K5YG** from **Providenciales (IOTA NA-002)**, from **June 14-20th**. Bill will operate mainly CW when he and his wife Susan are not SCUBA diving. Most operations will begin after 2000z. He has a daily schedule with ZS6YQ on 21235 at 1500z. QSL via K5YG. All QSLs received for his 1996 and 1997 VP5 operations have been answered.

**XR, CHILE**. "The 59(9) DXReport" states that the **World Scout Jamboree** will be held in Hacienda Picarquía, **December 27, 1998-January 8, 1999**, and Special Event Station **XR3J** will be active on 20 and 15 meters.

**YS NET MOVED!** There stations of El Salvador, who have been operating a DX Net on 40 meters, have moved to 20 meters due to the new winter season in their country (they report a lot of static noise on 40 meters). They will operate on **14165 kHz** between **0200 and 0330** every day. Look for stations YS1FEA/Federico, YS1SH/Oscar and YS1CQ/Roberto to be there

every day. They report, at the present time, there are no more 10 HF stations on the air in their country. QSLs for the three go to: P.O. BOX 517, City San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America

**ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND.** Paul, KF4OOX, is back from his stateside vacation and hopes to be back on the air again soon as **ZD8V**.

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<http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm>

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